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Michael James Pratt et al

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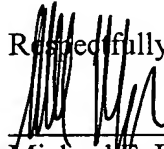
Although Applicant was previously notified by return postcard of the serial number and filing date assigned to the above-identified patent application, Applicant has not yet received an Official Filing Receipt for this application. It has now been more than four months since the application was filed, and Applicant therefore suspects that the issuance of a filing receipt was inadvertently overlooked or that a previously issued filing receipt was lost during mailing

Also, on March 25, 2004 a Petition To Make Special was filed. To date, Applicant has not received an acknowledgement to the Petition.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that a new filing receipt be issued for the above-identified patent application and that such filing receipt and an acknowledgement to the Petition be forwarded as soon as possible to Applicant's undersigned attorney of record.

DATED this 20 day of May, 2004.

Respectfully submitted,

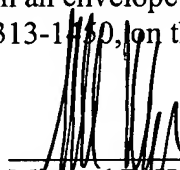


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